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Oswald Lawyer On U. S. Tour

Busiest man on the Communist lecture circuit these days is Mark Lane, the ultra-left-wing lawyer who will defend accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald before the Warren Commission investigating the slaying.

Lane will be a speaker in major cities this month where he will present the Communist version of the Kennedy murder. One of the meetings, scheduled for Los Angeles Feb. 11, will be chaired by identified Communist lawyer John T. McTernan. Lane will speak under auspices of the Communist National Guardian, the New York-based weekly which on Dec. 19 carried his lengthy "brief" on Oswald's behalf to the Warren Commission.

The brief is being widely distributed from coast to coast and was broadcast over the left-wing Pacifica radio stations last month. Lane attempts to shift guilt for the assassination to right-wing elements and law enforcement officials.

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

Other stops on the Lane speaking itinerary are Chicago, Feb. 13; Detroit, Feb. 14; and New York, Feb. 18. Lane was already booked for a Jan. 24 New York city appearance sponsored by the Militant Labor Forum, a unit of the subversive Socialist Workers Party. The SWP is a Trotskyite-Communist organization.

After Lane's report defending Oswald appeared in the Guardian, he made a trip to Dallas, where Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the accused assassin, suddenly announced she had hired him for a posthumous defense.

Even though Lane is presumably fully occupied with the Oswald agitation, he has nevertheless been announced as a speaker for a totally unrelated Communist-backed cause. He is to appear at a meeting sponsored by the pro-Castro Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba in New York City, Feb. 26. The Committee which has succeeded the recently dissolved Fair Play for Cuba Committee in promoting help for the Communist country, is headed by identified Communists Sidney J. Gluck and Dr. Louis I. Miller.

CO-SPEAKERS

Other speakers at the meeting will be Thomas E. Coltan, chairman of the left-wing American Friends Service Committee for the Delaware area, and Phillip A. Luce, spokesman for the student group which illegally visited Cuba last summer. Ruth Gage-Colby, a leader in the Com-

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ON WARREN COMMISSION STAFF

Red-Fronter in Death Probe

A prominent member of a Communist front is a member of the staff of the Warren Commission investigating the slaying of President Kennedy.

He is Norman Redlich, a professor at New York University Law School, who is acting as assistant counsel to the commission.

Redlich is listed on a July 1963 letterhead of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as a member of the group's executive committee. The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee has been named a Communist front by both the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

"The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI," the 1959 annual report of the HCUA stated.

"The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material."

One of the ECLC's executives has been identified Communist Frank Wilkinson, a present leader of the Communist-run National Committee to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

COMMUNISTS' CLEMENCY

When Wilkinson and his co-defendant, Communist Carl Braden, were in prison for contempt of Congress in 1961, Redlich was among persons who signed an appeal to the President for clemency. This is revealed in the Dec. 4, 1961, issue of the Communist National Guardian, the New York-based weekly which has led the campaign to disculpate Lee Harvey Oswald in the President's assassination (see accompanying story).

The 1963 letter from the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee makes an appeal for support for two groups accused of supporting Communist causes. One was Advance, cited as a subversive organization and required so to register under the McCarran Internal Security Act. The other involved three University of Indiana students accused of violating state sedition laws while members of the Trotskyite-Communist Young Socialist Alliance.

Redlich had earlier publicly condemned a decision by the Supreme Court to enforce registration by Communists under the McCarran Act, according to the Communist Worker of June 24, 1962.

The Worker also names Redlich as among "notables (who) denounce attack on the peace movement" during the 1962 hearings by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on the avowedly Communist-backed Women for Peace organization (Worker, Dec. 18, 1962).

A member of the advisory committee-in-formation of the New York Council to Abolish the HCUA, Redlich signed a petition in the New York Times Feb. 22, 1962, condemning the anti-subversive committee.

He was a scheduled speaker Feb. 24, 1961, at an anti-HCUA meeting in New York City, along with Frank J. Donner, an identified Communist lawyer. Sponsor of the meeting was the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

The Communists In the Co-ops

Identified Communists elected as congressmen of the Northern California chain of Consumers Cooperatives last summer included Charles G. Drasnin, Russian-born former veterans director of the South Berkeley branch of the Communist Party.

Drasnin, 59, of 746 61st St., Oakland, was elected to serve at the Telegraph Avenue Co-op center in Berkeley.

A registered Communist voter in Alameda County in the 1940's, Drasnin later listed his affiliation with the Communist-run Independent Progressive Party until 1955.

He was convicted of illegally distributing Communist literature during a 1941 East Bay strike.

Drasnin is wed to the former Wenonah Nedelsky who has recently served as

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That Was the Week That WASN'T

California Attorney General Stanley Mosk declared that a Cuba armed with intercontinental ballistic missiles and led by a fanatic could conceivably become as great a threat to the security of the United States as the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade . . .

The National Council of Churches of Christ of America announced that Communism is atheistic and therefore totally at variance with the Christian faith . . . .

Herb Caen wrote a whole column without mentioning favorably even one Communist . . . . The Birch Society called a man a Communist. He really was one . . . .

TOCSIN received a five-dollar subscription and a letter which did not say "Send me all the information you have on Gus Hall and the following 19 other individuals." . . . . A man and his wife moved to Berkeley, Calif., from the East. They are not Communists . . . .

Trevor Thomas of KPFA came out with a direct, straightforward, factual statement on something, and people knew exactly where he stood . . . . A man not known for his extreme left-wing views was invited to speak on the campus of the University of California . . . .

Thirteen Bay Area Communist leaders went home and admitted to their wives that they had been shacking up elsewhere . . . . The Supreme Court announced publicly that henceforth it would leave legislation to legislators and sociology to sociologists . . . . An issue of a San Francisco paper appeared without once naming a single member of the Hallinan family.

All the Guests Were Identified CP Members

Identified California Communist Holland Roberts reports in an article in the Communist magazine New World Review for January that a visit by Communist visitors from the Soviet Union was hosted by Marxist attorney Vincent Hallinan at his Bay Area home.

"An invitation from Vivian and Vincent Hallinan," Roberts reported, "took the Soviet visitors to a dinner party and evening of lively exchange at their lovely bay-side Belvedere home. Writers Sterling Hayden, Jessica Mitford, Albert Kahn, Alvah Bessie, Mason Roberson, Doris Brin Walker, and the ILWU officials, Louis Goldblatt and Harry Bridges, gave them sharp insights into the post-Kennedy era in an exploration of Western ideas."

All of the persons named as guests have been identified as Communists.

MORE SUPPORT IN SIGHT?

Tocsin Resumes Publication

"You can't quit now!"

This was the tenor of a number of letters and phone calls to TOCSIN last month when the paper announced that it was suspending publication.

The generosity and confidence of a few readers have persuaded TOCSIN to reverse its decision to fold and make one more effort to survive.

Suspending publication was a decision that had not been made lightly. It had, however, been made under considerable stresses and strains.

Faced with mounting bills and an inexhaustible workload, the TOCSIN staff found cause for alarm in the recent failure of its continuing appeals for support. Both the bills and the workload doubtless magnified the pessimism with which we viewed this publication's future.

In resuming publication despite a less-than-solid financial basis, we wish to point out that no publication can subsist on subscriptions alone. Nor is it possible to operate soundly without a close estimate of the degree of support.

Contributions which are sporadic mean that plans have to be abandoned, decisions reversed and steps retraced. These things only add to an already staggering amount of work. TOCSIN therefore asks for regular commitments. For this purpose a coupon is provided on page 3.

In addition to financial pledges, which will enable the staff to concentrate on editorial work, readers can help in other ways.

One of these is by sending us clippings on Communism and Communists from their local newspapers, unmarked except for the name and date of the publication.

Another is by communicating by letter rather than telephone whenever possible and by limiting letters to those which do not require an answer. TOCSIN's volunteer secretarial help is severely limited.

TOCSIN wishes to thank those individuals who have expressed such deeply felt enthusiasm. They have included the leader of a major anti-Communist organization which itself has sacrificed some of its own badly needed funds to help us.

This enthusiasm has prompted us to resume publication for as long as possible, in the hope that others may yet be persuaded to emulate their example.

L.A. WOMEN FOR PEACE SPONSOR PAULING RALLY

Women Strike for Peace announced a rally featuring bomb-banning Linus Pauling for Jan. 17 at the Los Angeles High School Auditorium, 4600 W. Olympic Boulevard.

Scheduled to preside was Mrs. Mary Clarke, coordinator of the women's "peace" organization. Mrs. Clarke was cited by the Communist People's World 12 years ago as a participant in Communist-front activity.

She sponsored a dinner Feb. 17, 1952, given by the Citizens Committee to Preserve Americans Freedoms, a declared party front dedicated to fighting the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Purpose of the dinner was to mount a "fight-back" campaign against the HCUA's pending hearings on Communist activity among Los Angeles professional people.

Mrs. Clarke was listed in the Oct. 1, 1962, Communist National Guardian as a delegate to a conference the previous month sponsored by Voice of Women in Montreal. The VOW organization is a Canadian version of the Communist-endorsed U.S. Women for Peace group.

She is also listed as second vice chairman of the Southern California chapter of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

Pauling was to be introduced at the rally by Mrs. Mary Tinglof, a Los Angeles board of education member frequently listed in the People's World as a supporter of "civil rights" action.

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Women for Peace contact in East Bay auxiliaries of the Communist-run International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

EARLY CP FRONT

Drasnin was a member of an early Communist front called the American League Against War and Fascism in 1937, was listed by the People's World of Jan. 21, 1948, as active in an Independent Progressive Party drive, and joined in festivities of other Communist-run organizations.

One such organization was the Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs during the famed atom spy clemency case in 1953.

A 1951 issue of the People's World also named Drasnin as a member of a "civic reform" group in Oakland. Others affiliated with the group are Roscoe Q. Proctor of 1919 Oregon St., Berkeley, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party who currently faces a McCarran Act charge after he failed to register as a Communist leader.

Catholic Rift Drive Pressed

The first phase of a Moscow-directed campaign to split Catholic unity—reported exclusively last August in TOCSIN — appears well under way. Crux of the drive is the "de-Stalinization" of Pope Pius XII and a concurrent effort to paint Pope John XXIII as an advocate of "progressivism" and peaceful co-existence.

The campaign is being watched with interest by firmly anti-Communist Catholics.

In New York last month, old-time Communist-fronter Herman Shumlin announced that he would sponsor and direct the American adaption of "The Deputy," a German play which depicts the late Pope Pius in a highly unfavorable light.

Theatrical producer Shumlin has been affiliated with Communist fronts since at least 1937 when he was a member of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy. In 1940 he was criticized by actress Tallulah Bankhead for his refusal to permit a benefit performance of a play in which she was appearing for Finnish relief, although he had permitted such a performance for pro-Communist Spanish and Chinese aid groups. Finland and the USSR were at war at the time. The play was "The Little Foxes," written by Lillian Hellman, a Communist-front backer in her own right.

Other Communist fronts with which Shumlin was associated included Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship, the Council for Pan-American Democracy, the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy and the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

A reprint of TOCSIN's article of Aug. 28, 1963, entitled "Writer Jessica Mitford Equals Communist Decca Treuhaft" is available at the rate of 20 cents for five; $2.50 per 100; $20 per 1000.

A reprint of articles on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee from the Dec. 4 TOCSIN is also available at the same rate.

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The 'People's' Station

The Federal Communications Commission after long delay last month granted a broadcasting license renewal to the three Pacifica Foundation radio stations, KPFA in Berkeley; KPFK, Los Angeles; and WBAI, New York. The stations, which were the subject of an inquiry a year ago by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, openly allow Communist speakers, some of whom are not so identified during the broadcasts.

Healey and Lima
And Murdock or Man - del,
Roger and Aptheker
All find a channel —
Marxism's voice has a U.S. okay:
A license renewal for KPFA.

Once there was fear that their
Communist slander
Might rouse the government's
flickering dander,
But undefined reasons reversed
the delay,
Granted a license to KPFA.

What a triumph
For the party!
What a vic - to - ry!
For now our dear leaders can sell
all their wares
With blessings from FCC.

Oswald's defense in the Communist
papers,
Sobell's appeal from his atom-spy
capers,
Programs which Castroite victories
disclose:
These are a few of my favorite
shows.

Or the recording — a New York
sensation —
Which struck at the Bureau of
Investigation.
Such a wide range of political
thought:
From leftist to leftist, we'll think
as we ought.

Here's to freedom
Of expression!
Every point of view!
And now that the license has finally
been won,
The left's all-A - mer - ican!

MARK LANE

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munist-backed Women for Peace organization, will chair the meeting.

Meanwhile, the Communist press has begun to display some disquiet over the outcome of the assassination probe. For the first time, the National Guardian (Jan. 23) hints that the commission's findings may not differ substantially from those of the FBI and police. The Guardian is preparing its readers for this eventuality by blaming political expediency in an election year.

PHASING OUT

The cynicism with which Communists view loyalty to the United States is clearly indicated in an ad in the January issue of Political Affairs, theoretical organ of the Communist Party U.S.A.

Plugging a book by Australian Communist Wilfred G. Burchett on the Viet Nam and Laos fighting, the blurb puts quotes around the expression "our side" when it refers to U.S.-backed anti-Communist forces there.

To the consternation of some patriotic, if uninformed, Americans (who tend to suspect modern art of being vaguely "communistic"), the Communist Party has expressed strong disapproval of a group of modern playwrights. Object of its scorn are the "Absurdists" (Beckett, Ionescu, Albee, Pinter and Genet). These, says a Communist article, are practicioners of a defeatism which has no place in the Marxist's glorious daydreams.

Top Communist Party theoretician Herbert Aptheker has wholeheartedly endorsed the appointment of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren as head of the commission investigating the presidental assassination. But, adds Aptheker, "the hope persists that the remainder of the Commission could have been more thoroughly characterized by the qualities and attitudes that mark the Chief Justice."

Justice Warren is among those whom the Worker of Jan. 14 lists as having sent greetings for a dinner honoring bomb-banner Linus Pauling. The dinner was sponsored last month in New York by the pro-Soviet magazine, the Minority of One.

Other greetings to Pauling came from Bertrand Russell, the fallout phobe; Norman Thomas, long-time socialist leader; Kaoru Yasui, Japanese Communist-front leader who visited the U.S. in November under auspices of the Communist National Guardian; Harold C. Urey, physicist and a backer of clemency for atom spy Morton Sobell.

One of the meeting's sponsors was Jerome Wiesner, the President's recently retired science adviser.

The Worker is aiming for $125,000 in its current fund drive to pay for continued publication of the Communist semi-weekly hate-sheet, now in its 40th year.

An organization called the Society for the Prevention of World War III, Inc., New York, lists identified Communist Sidney Roger of Berkeley on its board of directors. Articles in the group's current (winter) issue bear such titles as "Ex-Nazis Plague Germany" and "Whitewashing the Third Reich."

Actor Sterling Hayden lashed out at the big-business-run United States and its climate of "hate and blacklist" at a meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union of Marin County in San Rafael (Calif.) Jan. 19. Hayden is a self-acknowledged former member of that old hate group,

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NEW FORRESTAL BIOGRAPHY

Author Rogow's Left Affiliations

A just published biography of the late Secretary of Defense James Forrestal is circulating the notion that wariness of Soviet tyranny is somehow a product of a demented psyche.

Forrestal in 1949 took his own life after a campaign of vilification by the left-wing press over his tough policy in the Cold War.

Author of the new study is Stanford political science professor Arnold A. Rogow.

Rogow in 1960 was among a number of professors who rapped the San Francisco police for their efforts to quell the Communist-initiated riots against the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

LEGAL AID GROUP

In the riot aftermath, Rogow became a steering committee member of a group called the Bay Area Students Legal Aid Fund, to meet costs of defending one of the rioters charged with assault.

Another member of the defense group was Burton White, an associate of Communist Frank Wilkinson on the National Committee to Abolish the HCUA, a Communist front. White is now a leading staff member of Berkeley's left-wing station KPFA, which also won Rogow's support during a 1963 probe by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Rogow signed a newspaper ad sponsored by a hastily formed group called the Friends of Free Radio in America, which opposed the probe of possible Communist infiltration of the Pacifica radio chain.

Rogow was a sponsor last year of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, a Communist front in which Wilkinson has also been an officer. When Wilkinson and co-defendant Communist Carl Braden were in prison for contempt of Congress in 1961, Rogow was among those who signed a Communist-backed petition to the President urging clemency.

An avowed foe of the HCUA, Rogow signed petitions for abolition of the anti-subversive group in the Washington Post in 1959 and 1961 and again in the New York Times in 1962.

CASTRO GO-AHEAD

The Stanford professor also was among signers of a letter to the late President Kennedy urging a hands-off policy toward Communist-held Cuba after the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion which helped seal Castro's power.

Rogow was also an early leader in the campaign to foment fears of a growing right-wing when he sponsored a conference on "The Impact of the Radical Right" at San Francisco's Nourse Auditorium, Feb. 3, 1962.

Hayward Methodists Paying for Red Notice?

Without knowing it, members of the Wesley Methodist Church of Hayward, Calif., are apparently paying for the distribution of a Communist front announcement.

Their pastor, Communist-front member Rev. Edward L. Peet, has sent out under the church's mailing permit an invitation to a meeting of a cited Communist front called the Methodist Federation for Social Action. Peet is chairman of the California-Nevada Conference Chapter of the MFSA.

The Federation has been declared by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee to be a Communist religious front. Not officially connected with the Methodist Church, it continues to exploit the prestige of the denomination for avowed-Marxist purposes, according to revelations in its own periodical, the Social Questions Bulletin.

The announcement distributed by Peet described the annual mid-winter supper of the MFSA scheduled for Feb. 4 at the True Blue Cafeteria in Berkeley.

Announced as speaker was identified Communist Jessica Mitford, wife of Oakland Communist lawyer Robert E. Treuhaft.

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the Communist Party USA. He was introduced at the meeting by Carl Shapiro, law partner of San Francisco Marxist attorney Vincent Hallinan. Shapiro's son Joseph was a visitor to Castro's Cuba and a witness last year before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Communist-backed causes run in syndromes. The National Guardian carried an ad in its Jan. 23 issue calling for delegates to Washington to oppose allocation of funds to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. For a $6 round-trip fare, the delegates would also have a chance to 1) press censure of Senator James O. Eastland of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, 2) urge the Federal Communications Commission to grant a broadcasting license to WBAI, the New York outlet for Pacifica radio.

Co-sponsors of this "three birds with one stone" jaunt were the ostensibly widely separated pro-Communist groups, the New York Council to Abolish HCUA and the Southern Conference Educational Fund.

San Francisco Mayor John F. Shelley granted an appointment to physician Dr. Thomas Brewer Jan. 21 to hear his views on why fallout shelter signs should be torn down. Brewer heads a group called the Citizens Committee for Nuclear Disarmament. He also turns out to be a reader of the Communist People's World and declared in a letter to that paper July 30, 1963: "These men and women who block disarmament . . . must be opposed by every radical, revolutionary citizen of the United States."

Brewer promised Shelley that he would tear down shelter signs in open violation of property laws. He was accompanied by Norman Chastain, who was arrested at San Francisco City Hall last Dec. 23 for removing a sign. Chastain's attorney is Patrick Hallinan, son of Vincent Hallinan.

Identified Communist Cleophas Brown is now president of Neighborhood House in Richmond, Calif. Brown has been active in Communist Party activities in that area since at least 1944. He was identified as a party member in 1953 testimony of Charles D. Blodgett, a former staff member of the People's World (TOCSIN, Oct. 30, 1963).

Our peripatetic Communists: Cedric Belfrage, "editor-in-exile" of the Communist National Guardian who was deported from the U.S. in 1955, is presently staked out in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

World Govt. Group Plans 1965 Convention

An organizational meeting to campaign for a world constitution will be held at the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley, Feb. 15.

The meeting is being organized by the Northern California Committee of the Campaign for a World Constitution, Inc., a group which plans a world constitutional convention to be held by July 1965.

President of the U.S. campaign for the 1965 convention is Edward J. Sparling, president of the Roosevelt University of Chicago. A past officer in the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, Sparling is cited in the Communist Worker of Dec. 17, 1961, and Dec. 23, 1962, as among "notables" who urged a change in U.S. anti-Castro Cuban policies and an end to a House Committee on Un-American Activities investigation.

Telephone number for those seeking information about the world-government group is listed in the Oakland area to Della Larson, director of a flying-saucer cultists group called the Oakland Spacecraft Club and a member of the militant Women for Peace organization. Rev. Larson also heads a food-fadists group for whom she devised such space-age delicacies as the Colon Salad.

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